	Dept. of Revenue Anti Smuggling Unit (CBEC) (Indo-Bangladesh and Indo- Nepal Borders)	BSF (Indo-Bangladesh Border)	SSB (Indo-Nepal Border)
Value of foodgrains seized (Rs. Lakhs)	355.80	175	34.638

The above mentioned agencies are maintaining strict vigil on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders to prevent smuggling activities.

Long-term plan for self-sufficiency in foodgrains production

*178. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of a long term plan to achieve self-sufficiency in foodgrains, the country will be a chronic importer of foodgrains by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to chalk out a long term plan to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of foodgrains to avoid imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) to (d) According to a report of the National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) submitted to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India in June, 2008 on review of the Existing Buffer Stocking Policy the total domestic demand, direct and indirect, for foodgrains is likely to grow to 253.2 million tonnes in 2021-22. In the year 2007-08, the country has achieved a record production of 230.67 million tonnes.

The foodgrains demand and supply scenario in the country was reviewed in the 53rd meeting of National Development Council (NDC) held on 29th May, 2007 which resolved to launch a food security mission to produce additional 20 million tonnes of foodgrains (rice 10 million tonnes, wheat 8 million tonnes and pulses 2 million tonnes) by 2011-12 to meet the growing demand of foodgrains and make the country self-sufficient in foodgrains production. To operationalize the resolution of NDC, the centrally sponsored mission mode programme National Food Security Mission has been launched since October, 2007 in 312 districts of 17 States with an outlay of Rs. 4882.48 crores for XI Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12) focusing on rice, wheat and pulses to produce additional 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by 2011-12. Besides, the Integrated Cereal Development Programme

(ICDP – Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals) is implemented under Macro Management Programme in Non-NFSM districts in all the States and Union Territories (UTs) to boost the production and productivity of these foodgrains. For the development of pulses and maize, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is implemented in 14 major pulses growing States in

Non-NFSM districts to enhance the production of pulses and maize. The Government has also launched a new scheme National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility in November, 2008 to promote balanced use of nutrients for higher production.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was also launched in 2007-08 with an outlay of Rs. 25000 crores for XI Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) to incentivise States to invest and reorient the current agricultural development strategies.

Although it would be too early to predict about the food situation in 2020, it can be visualized with a reasonable degree of confidence that the country would not only remain comfortable on foodgrains front during the 11th Plan but may also have some elbow room for export of wheat and rice.

Classification of iron ores for fixing freight charges

*179. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has classified iron ores for fixing freight charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether steel producers have resented the proposal; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Iron Ore for domestic consumption has been classified at Class-180 and Iron Ore for export has been classified at Class-200X.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Some of the Steel producers have represented for lowering the freight rates. These requests were examined and were not found feasible to agree to.

Recruitment in the railways

*180. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recruitment made in the Railways during the last three years, post-wise, year-wise and zone-wise;

(b) the number of candidates selected to various posts in the Indian Railways in the last three years, post-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Railways would face any constraints to issue a White Paper on the recruitment of various posts made in various zones of the Indian Railways in the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Ministry would issue a White Paper on the recruitment of various posts in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.